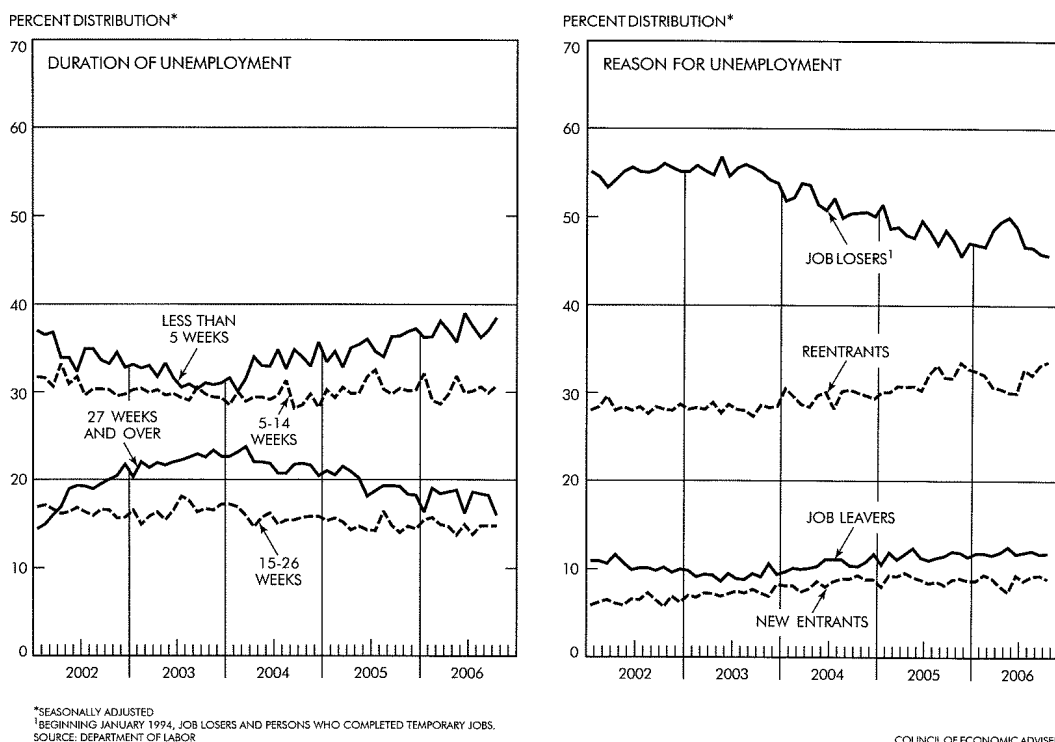


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 5–14 weeks rose; the percentage for 15–26 weeks was unchanged; and the percentage for 27 weeks and over fell. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 16.5 weeks and the median duration fell to 8.1 weeks.



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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- employ- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean)	Median							
												Weekly average, thousands		
1996	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,662	328	2,707
2005: Oct	7,418	36.4	30.4	14.0	19.2	18.0	8.6	47.4	12.0	31.7	8.8	2,771	338	2,632
Nov	7,572	36.9	30.1	14.7	18.3	17.6	8.5	45.6	11.9	33.5	9.0	2,673	316	2,472
Dec	7,375	37.2	30.2	14.4	18.2	17.3	8.5	47.1	11.4	32.8	8.7	2,643	311	2,602
2006: Jan	7,040	36.2	32.1	15.4	16.3	16.8	8.4	46.9	11.8	32.5	8.7	2,544	287	3,381
Feb	7,193	36.3	29.0	15.7	19.0	17.6	8.9	46.7	11.8	32.1	9.4	2,494	303	3,040
Mar	7,011	38.1	28.6	14.9	18.4	16.9	8.5	48.6	11.6	30.7	9.0	2,446	309	2,650
Apr	7,123	37.0	29.7	14.7	18.6	16.8	8.5	49.5	11.9	30.5	8.1	2,423	315	2,658
May	7,015	35.7	31.8	13.7	18.8	17.1	8.5	50.0	12.5	30.1	7.4	2,408	330	2,266
June	6,957	39.0	29.9	14.9	16.2	16.2	7.5	48.9	11.7	30.0	9.3	2,423	308	2,169
July	7,205	37.5	30.1	13.8	18.6	17.3	8.2	46.7	11.9	32.7	8.7	2,469	313	2,637
Aug	7,119	36.2	30.6	14.8	18.4	17.4	8.5	46.6	12.1	32.1	9.2	2,486	317	2,265
Sept	6,949	37.1	29.9	14.8	18.2	17.4	8.2	45.9	11.7	33.2	9.3	2,441	314	2,090
Oct	6,711	38.5	30.7	14.8	16.0	16.5	8.1	45.7	11.8	33.6	8.9	2,435	311	2,281

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).